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Attention Senate: 'Bantay' barks to stop cruelty to dogs

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Erap's lament: Am I that easy to forget?



Oil firms favor VAT bill

But they warn pump prices, power, LPG rates will go up

GMA says masses to reap benefits



Pope John Paul II rushed to hospital

CONTROVERSIAL MAN

Police arrest ex-NBI agent for kidnapping



Gunmen rub out key witness to killing of Pagadian journalist

Cop chief apologizes to Bicol media

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WEATHER FORECAST

Miriam: No apology to 'low-lifes'



EUROPEAN AID

Shedding terror tag up to Joma

Erap justice gets no relief from SC

By Philip C. Tubeza

6 dead as troops, Abus clash

Tourist arrivals in Boracay in 2004 up 26% despite killings

1st of RP deportees are back



TAXES FIRST
Palace to Congress: No time to Cha-cha

RP asks KL to clarify extension of amnesty

The Daily Gospel

Ambassador Syquia; 74


SYQUIA

UST lecture on press ethics

Supreme Court Doctrines

2 Army officers face summary dismissal

Gov't to bid out ₱26-M contract to make Naia 3 a 5-star terminal

Sexual harassment in schools swept under the rug, says exec

Pre-school not our expertise, says Abad



Bongbong in Hawaii for Feb. 7 court date

Romulo off to Japan to appeal



Can people eat statistics?'

GMA says masses to reap benefits

Poverty reduced

Booming call centers

Beat the odds

Gift of city to GMA



Erap's lament: Am I that easy to forget?



ESTRADA: Don't forget me.

Jan. 31 press statement

Barred

Go after Perez

Change of heart

What about me?

Attention Senate: 'Bantay' barks …

Misimpression

Torture

Record breaker

Police arrest ex-NBI agent for kidnapping

Entrapment

Pope rushed to hospital





Precautionary

Parkinson's disease

Prayers for Pope

Papal suite

Previous medical history

Flu sweeps Italy

Filipinos urged to pray for Pope

Oil firms favor VAT bill

Napocor to raise rates

Meralco

Equal treatment

Consumers to bear brunt

PCCI wants excise tax retained

Exceeds target

Debates next week

Gunmen rub out key witness to killing of Pagadian journalist

Other witness nearly killed

Only 5 minutes

Lip service

Chosen path

'I have to come out'

'Outrageous'

Cop chief apologizes ...

How it started

'Fruit games'

Dismay

The WORLD

Nepal king unveils new Cabinet



Final vote count in Iraq starts



Videos at Guantanamo show prisoners being punched and stripped



US 'hostage' may be doll, says maker

Death toll in Asian tsunamis passes 290,000

DEATH TOLL

Indonesia	237,071
Sri Lanka	30,957
India	16,389
Thailand	5,393
Maldives	82
Malaysia	68
Myanmar	61
Bangladesh	2
Somalia	298
Tanzania	10
Kenya	1
Total	290,332

DNA test ordered on tsunami baby

AFP

Reuters

Clinton named UN special envoy for tsunami relief



CLINTON

AFP

First known Cambodian bird flu victim dies in Vietnam

AFP





AVIATOR'S DREAM

Pregnant workers in Britain face sexual discrimination

AFP

Sudan gov't, rebels slam UN report

Belgium, Spain arrest bombing suspects

Parliament rejects Basque autonomy plan

InqBox

Question of the Week

Is the government justified to raise the value-added tax (VAT) from 10 percent to 12 percent? Why or why not?

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OPINION



Chainsaw massacre

EDITORIAL

FROM THE REACTION of some provincial governors, it seems they think Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago is engaging in a character massacre, castigating their reputations by calling them illegal loggers.

Tracking changing stories

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

Grammatical deaths

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Thoughts for the Mining Summit

POLITICAL TIDBITS



Belinda Olivarez-Cunanan

SWS corrects my reporting error

HUMAN FACE



Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

The American art of war

THE LONG VIEW



Manuel L. Quezon III

Aching

YOUNG BLOOD

Bad news

An appeal for Tarongoy

LETTERS

DOH's campaign on iodized salt

Malnutrition impacts on health, economy

Take credit rating with grain of salt

Giving up public consultations for surveys

ERRATUM

Across the NATION

DENR chief scored for erroneous data



DEFENSOR inspecting seized illegal lumber at the port area in Manila

Reds ask GMA to declare total log ban

Vice mayor of Laoag shot dead outside bar

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



UNDER SIEGE

Tree-cutting, quarrying OKd by Defensor in Subic

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

Phivolcs warns mountaineers vs climbing Mayon

Typhoid fever downs 133 residents of Negros village

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Tagbanua folk learn ways of sustainable dev't



A TAGBANUA farmer shows his harvest after going through training with UP volunteer experts.

[illegible]

Tapping IPs

[illegible]

Training

[illegible]

University of life

[illegible]



A UP EXPERT (in red shirt) shows Tagbanua farmers the basics of farming without chemicals.

'We aim to help people come up for themselves'

[illegible]

No Santa Clauses

[illegible]

Technical assistance

[illegible]

Curriculum supplement

[illegible]

METRO

Metro sees decrease in crimes

Police visibility

Bank robberies

MANILA GETS TOUGH ON DIRTY CRIME

Garbage violators face charges

One month to go



Coast Guard nabs 10 dynamite fishermen

Damaging coral reefs

Hospital denies holding widow's body

2 in Pasay positive for typhoid



HOT BIKES

Restos 'with a heart' get DOH nod

Rail folk on way to new homes

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SOME of their neighbors are asking the government for more time, but several families in Malabon City about to be displaced by the North Rail Project are ready to move out.

The Kalipunan ng mga Magkakapitbahay sa Daang Riles Malabon (Karisma) has already submitted to the National Housing Authority a list of 174 families who offered to submit their homes to voluntary demolition, NHA sector manager Maria Theresa Oblipias told the INQUIRER yesterday.

The group has signed a memorandum of agreement with the owner of a private lot in Barangay Panghulo which they plan to buy as a relocation site.

The National Housing Authority had rejected the site several times, and instead offered residents a developed government relocation site in Towerville, San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan.

The group, however, rejected the site, and opted for the "balik probinsiya" compensation they would be receiving that they intend to use as down payment for the construction of their new homes in the Panghulo relocation site.

Actor in car mishap

By Tina G. Santos

ACTOR Baron Geisler is facing multiple charges after his car rammed into another vehicle in Quezon City early Wednesday morning.

Senior Police Officer Gary Talacay of Central Traffic Sector 5 said the 21-year-old actor was driving a black Mazda when he rammed into a green Mitsubishi Lancer driven by John Ablan, reportedly a relative of Ilocos Norte Rep. Roque Ablan Jr., around 2:30 a.m. along Mariano Marcos Avenue.

Both vehicles were taken to the Traffic Sector 5 office where Geisler allegedly cursed and argued with Talacay and other traffic officers.

The actor denied he was driving the Mazda, and had pointed to his companion, Ariel Gatmaitan, as the one behind the wheel.

But Ablan positively identified Geisler as the driver of the car that reportedly hit his vehicle. Traffic authorities later learned that the Mazda belongs to his brother Donald.

Talacay said the actor would be charged with reckless imprudence, and driving without a license and under the influence of liquor in the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.



Welcoat guns for No. 2 against Montaña today

Game 1 to Kings by forfeit; Asi rides TNT bench



TAULAVA



EALA

PSC gets the same, old budget



WHAT'S INSIDE



■ Ababa wrests 6-stroke lead after 36 holes



■ Francis leads Magic anew



■ Morales steps up training

PAL Interclub returns to Bacolod, lures record field

Ababa wrests 6-stroke lead after 36 holes



Manila upgrading its sports facilities

Mamiit wants to play for RP team



'Govs for Gold'

SPECTATOR



SPORTSWATCH

San Antonio de Padua spikers prevail

Ladies Federation League blasts off

National women's cage team tryouts



Morales steps up training for Pacquiao fight





Legends get chance to prove worth vs Tigresses

Filipino lawn bowlers seek 2 SEAG golds

Red Lions eye title vs Blazers

Francis leads Magic anew

Mavericks cool Heat, Bucks tame Timberwolves



DALLAS power Jerry Stackhouse takes a jump shot against Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat. AP

ORLANDO, Florida—Steve Francis scored 30 points and tied a season high with 13 assists Tuesday as the Orlando Magic beat the Cleveland Cavaliers, 105-102, to spoil LeBron James' return.

Nets 107, Bulls 97

Pistons 105, Wizards 96

Grizzlies 108, Suns 97

Mavericks 109, Heat 104

Bucks 91, T'Wolves 86

Bobcats 109, Jazz 105

Nuggets 96, Knicks 76

SuperSonics 106, Kings 101

AP

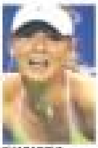
Lakers could end up losing Tomjanovich



TOMJANOVICH

AP

Sharapova advances



SHARAPOVA

Woods faces caddie loss

Generals gain finals



SAMSUNG CHAMPS.

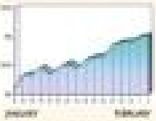
Mines seen luring $3B in investments

SOME $3.1 billion in foreign direct investments are expected to be poured into different Philippine mining projects beginning this year.



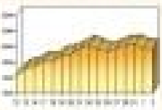
INDICATORS

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Shares end lower



BSP not inclined to raise rates

These police things

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

Airline going public in 2006

Unionbank profit up 6%

Shares end lower

Disclosures



BEYOND COMMITMENT

Firm hears deaf's call for more jobs

CORPORATE CITIZEN

Mines seen . . .



Joint legislative-executive tax commission proposed

Court asked to dismiss case vs Semirara

GMA-7 questions ERC decision on Meralco refund

LIFESTYLE

KUNG HEI FAT CHOY!

Food and fun activities make for double happiness

HK always springs a surprise but more so during the new year holidays

Symbolic food

Win a trip to HK



When Cantonese families visit each other to exchange New Year greetings it is customary to take gifts such as tangerines and oranges, as their Chinese names sound like 'gold' and 'wealth'



Food and fun activities make for double happiness

Sweet specialties

Meat-free first day

Big bowl

Traditional Pinoy cooking classes

THE REGGIE Aspiras School of Culinary Arts will conduct the following classes:



Celebrate Chinese New Year with family and friends

DINING OUT





Eat your way to a lucky Year of the Rooster





Stir-fried Scallops with Black Fungus and Dried Banana Blossoms

Stir-fried Chicken with Pineapple and Ginger in Honey Pepper Sauce

A healthier 'chicharon'

Searching

Kitchen Rescue



For dad

Sushi Chinese-style (Live Steamed Shrimp) with Dipping Sauce

Cooking dad

Spanish terms, Part 2